

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-18 (cancelled)

19. (new) A bed covering characterised in that it includes an air permeable part, a first warmth retention section coupled to the air permeable part and a cover section at least part of which is detachable to enable ventilation to occur through said air permeable part.

20. (new) A bed covering as claimed in claim 19 wherein the air permeable part is a perforated, mesh or similar panel.

21. (new) A bed covering as claimed in claim 19 wherein the air permeable part is coupled to a tuck in panel or flap.

22. (new) A bed covering as claimed in claim 19 wherein the first warmth retention section is coupled to the air permeable part by a sheet of fabric.

23. (new) A bed covering as claimed in claim 19 wherein the first warmth retention part is coupled directly to the air permeable part by being sewn or otherwise fastened thereto.

24. (new) A bed covering as claimed in claim 23 wherein the first warmth retention part is a duvet.

25. (new) A bed covering as claimed in claim 23 wherein the duvet is within a duvet cover, the duvet cover being coupled directly to the air permeable part.

26. (new) A bed covering as claimed in claim 19 wherein the cover section is in the form of a second warmth retention part which is coupled by a coupling arrangement to the bed covering and incorporates a releasable fastening whereby the second warmth retention part is releasably fastenable to over-lie the air permeable part.

27. (new) A bed covering as claimed in claim 26 wherein the coupling arrangement is a releasable coupling.

28. (new) A bed covering as claimed in claim 26 wherein the second warmth retention part is arranged so that it can be rolled up when the coupling arrangement has been released.

29. (new) A bed covering as claimed 28 wherein a retention device is provided to retain the second warmth retention part in the rolled up state.

30. (new) A bed covering as claimed in claim 26 wherein the first and second warmth retention parts are blankets.

31. (new) A bed covering as claimed in claim 26 wherein the second warmth retention part is a duvet.

32. (new) A bed covering as claimed in claim 19 wherein the cover section is formed in two parts.

33. (new) A bed covering as claimed in claim 32 wherein the two parts are releasably joined together.

34. (new) A bed covering as claimed in claim 33 wherein the two parts are joined along adjacent edges by a zipper fastener.

35. (new) A bed covering as claimed in claim 20 wherein the cover section is in the form of a second warmth retention part which is coupled by a coupling to the bed covering and incorporates a releasable fastening whereby the second warmth part is releasably fastenable to over-lie the air permeable part.

36. (new) A bed covering as claimed in claim 35 wherein the first and second warmth retention parts are blankets.

37. (new) A bed covering as claimed in claim 35 wherein the first and second warmth retention parts are duvets.

38. (new) A bed covering as claimed in claim 35 wherein the cover section is formed in two parts.

39. (new) A bed covering as claimed in claim 38 wherein the two parts are releasably joined together.

40. (new) A bed covering as claimed in claim 37 wherein each duvet is within a duvet cover.